

## Message Text

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E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: AGAO, MARR, MASS, BE

SUBJECT: GAO REPORT ON F-16

REF: STATE 100232

1. COPY OF GAO REPORT WAS DELIVERED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AT 10:00 A.M. APRIL 19. WE ASKED FOR BELGIAN REACTIONS TO REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WILL PROVIDE WHEN RECEIVED.

2. EMBASSY CAREFULLY REVIEWED REPORT UPON RECEIVING IT AND DID NOT FIND ANY INACCURACIES. WHILE WE WOULD HAVE PREPARED IT DIFFERENTLY, AND AGREE WITH EMBASSY COPENHAGEN (COPENHAGEN 2639) THAT IT LENDS ITSELF TO BEING QUOTED OUT OF CONTEXT, WE DO NOT EXPECT AN ADVERSE BELGIAN REACTION. ALL OF THE PROBLEMS RAISED IN THE REPORT ARE ALREADY WELL KNOWN TO THE BELGIANS.  
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## Message Attributes

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